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TRAINEE RESEARCH AWARD in NEURORADIOLOGY
Funding amount: \$20,000

PROSPECTUS

PURPOSE

The goal of this Trainee Research Award in Neuroradiology is to support and to foster high quality, in-depth neuroradiology research among trainees (residents and fellows) who are committed to neuroradiology.

ELIGIBILITY

- **Neuroradiology fellows and residents who have matched in a neuroradiology fellowship program are eligible.** Senior residents who are enrolled in a dedicated 12-month neuroradiology training year may also apply.
- Award period must be active during the neuroradiology training year.
- A senior ASNR member must serve as the mentor taking responsibility for guiding the research, executing the budget, compliance with regulations, and completion of the proposed work.
- The application must include: applicant's and mentor's CV, one-page description of the proposed research focused in neuroradiology (hypothesis, methods, expected results, significance), budget details and budget justification explaining how the funding will be used, career goals statement describing how the award will benefit the applicant's career in neuroradiology, letters of support from the Chairman or Program Director and mentor.
- Results are encouraged for abstract submission to the ASNR annual meeting upon completion of work.
- AJNR will retain right of first refusal for manuscripts generated from material resulting from the award.
- Publications and abstract presentations should acknowledge the contribution of the Foundation of the ASNR in supporting this research.

RESEARCH AWARD ACTIVITIES

- A. The research proposal must have a clearly stated, testable hypothesis and well-developed specific aims.
- B. An itemized budget is required as part of the award proposal submission. Funds (up to \$20,000) may be apportioned as required by the investigator, but must be justified in the application. Examples of fund use might include: (i) salary support for associated staff (e.g. research assistants, clinical coordinator, statistical support, and/or PhD collaborators), (ii) appropriate scanner time access, (iii) processing software and other types of software, and combinations of the above, and (iv) costs related to attending conference, workshop courses or training courses (e.g. computer programming course, specialized image analysis course, or any other workshops). Salary support for the trainee, mentor or collaborators and indirect costs cannot be included. Only direct costs can be included.**

LOCATION OF STUDY

- A. The parent institution must demonstrate adequate resources and facilities to carry out the terms of the project. Specific involvement by experts outside of Radiology or outside the medical school will be viewed favorably. A letter of support from the Department Chairman or Program Director is required stating adequate support of the trainee to complete the proposed work.

CONDITION OF APPOINTMENT

- A. The total award amount is up to \$20,000 (direct costs only) for a one-year term, which will be paid in one installment at the commencement of the award period. **Any portion of the award not utilized should be returned to The Foundation of the ASNR.** The proposed allocation of award resources (salary support and other research costs) should be specified in a detailed line-item budget submitted with the full proposal.
- B. The funding will go directly to the Institution or Department of Radiology as direct costs only. No overhead or indirect costs are provided.
- C. A report is due at 6 months after award period starts, on the 1st of the month, and at the termination of the award period. The report must be submitted in writing to The Foundation of the ASNR. This report is not to exceed one-page. The progress report should summarize the specific aims and the progress achieved, explain any significant changes to the specific aims, new directions to be undertaken due to those changes, and expenditures to date. Any publications, patents, or other material related to the funded research should be included on a separate page and submitted separately. The final report should include the above with the additional summary if a publication, patent, or grant is being or will be prepared using the results obtained from this Foundation grant. In the final report, a second page should be submitted separately describing the clinical impact of the results of the research, the strengths and weakness of the Foundation grant program, and the role that the Foundation or ASNR had, has, or might have in their future career.

- D. The American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR) welcomes the best science and encourages publication submissions to AJNR before considering other journals.
- E. Applicants who hold any other trainee award in research (e.g. RSNA Resident Research Award) are not eligible for this award in that same year.
- F. **Note: while institutional IRB approval is not required at time of award proposal submission, no funds will be disbursed before such approval is documented, if required to start the proposed research.**
- G. **No award will be made without prior confirmation from the Program Director or Department Chair that the applicant's proposal will be supported in full by the host institution. Such documentation will be requested by the ASNR office after proposal review.**
- H. The award is not transferable to another individual.

SELECTION METHOD

- A. Awards will be designated and administered by The Foundation of the ASNR.
- B. The Research Committee of ASNR, or its designate, will provide review and recommendations to the Foundation for the recipient of the award.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE

The deadline for receipt of applications is 9:00 AM Central Standard Time (CST), Wednesday, August 31, 2016. Applications should be submitted in electronic form (.pdf or .doc) to Rahul Bhala, rbhala@asnr.org. On the subject line of e-mail submissions, indicate the following: ASNR Trainee Research Award.

Selection of award recipients will be in September, with subsequent notification of the recipients and institutions early October. All those with interests in the award, or employees of an institution that may be involved in the award, shall recuse themselves from voting on such applications. In the event that applications are received from the institutions of the Research Committee co-Chairs, the ASNR Vice President will assume the responsibility of coordinating review of the applications.

In May of 2017, the Foundation Research Awards announcement will be made at the ASNR 54th Annual Meeting and posted on the website.